

2012 Military Health System CONFERENCE



Medical Readiness Internship Program *Joint Base Langley-Eustis VA*

633d Medical Readiness Flight
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Introduction



- OPSTEMPO has created requirement for Medical Readiness Officers (MROs) to be knowledgeable from “day 1” on the job
- OPSTEMPO does not afford sufficient time to learn Readiness programs before an MRO is expected to run those programs
- Internship was designed to create a pool of fully trained, MTF-level MROs

Methods



Building a Medical Readiness Officer

- Internship focuses on Readiness at three levels:

- Tactical Readiness – 75%
- Operational Knowledge – 15%
- Strategic Perspective – 10%

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“Hi, you must be the intern.”

Results



- Program initiated and intern selected in Spring 2011
- Intern PCS'd to JB Langley-Eustis in Fall 2011
- Intern has attended formal classes, completed all required & recommended CBTs, interviewed senior- and other key staff, and continues on-the-job training
- Intern has strong-footing for follow-on assignment: Medical Readiness Flight CC at Davis-Monthan AFB

Conclusion/Recommendation



- The Medical Readiness Internship is a relatively low-cost, high return program for the AFMS
- Recommend that Commands consider adopting the program



Photographed from left to right: Capt Craig Buehrig (intern), Maj Catherine Bonhoff (Flight Commander); Mr. Keith Morgan (Medical Readiness Manager)